

## **FISCAL IMPACT COMMITTEE**

### **Meeting Summary October 4, 2010 Lovettsville Room 4:00 p.m.**

Present:       Burton, Jim - Chairman  
                  Capretti, Michael  
                  Gorski, Ed  
                  Mitchel, Hobie  
                  Winters, Jack

Absent:         Adamo, Sam  
                  DeLong, Steven  
                  Schonder, Charles

#### **Call to Order**

Committee Chairman Burton called the meeting to order.

#### **Overview of CNA Document**

Committee Chairman Burton provided opening comments concerning the beginning of this review process.

Mr. Mitchel pointed out that land availability would be the major factor over the next several years for proposed facilities.

Staff from Construction and Waste Management gave a brief overview of the Capital Needs Assessment document andt. He explained how the committee would be reviewing the document by planning subarea beginning with the Ashburn subarea. Staff explained how the document was previously arranged by programmatic area, but was redesigned by subarea for several reasons and pointed out that the document served as both an inventory and a deficit analysis of the capital needs of the County. One of the bigger impacts for the Ashburn subarea will be the arrival of the metro rail.

Mr. Burton questioned the estimated population numbers of the Ashburn area and thought the figures were a little high. Staff explained the population figures are based on from COG's Round 8.0.

Mr. Mitchel raised the issue of the land availability. Staff explained that they needed validation from the Committee that a library was needed in a particular area, for example, but not so much concerning the required acreage for such facilities.

Staff explained that the CNA documents would become an appendix to the Comprehensive Plan.

Based on the information developed, it was noted that only 7 more facilities out of a total of 69 were still needed in the Ashburn subarea. However, a total of 538 acres would be necessary to achieve this goal. The possibility of a second animal shelter in the County was also discussed.

The Committee discussed the projected timeline for the facilities, estimated acreage that would be needed, and the cost to implement the plan. Staff discussed the backlog of projects and how the current fiscal situation was impacting the plan.

Beginning with 2017, the number and type of facilities in the Ashburn area would be a difficult to achieve. Mr. Burton remarked that the CNA document would force the Committee to agree on priorities: 1) Public Safety - Fire & Rescue, 2) Schools, and 3) Parks and Recreation. The Committee discussed the issue of the demand for services and the reality of affordability. The number of schools that were anticipated to be built was also discussed.

Mr. Winters questioned reviewing the document subarea by subarea. Committee Chairman Burton asked the Committee to consider changing the review process for the remainder of the scheduled meetings. Ben Mays asked the Committee members to take a closer look at the CNA tables and encouraged the members to make suggestions to improve the clarity of the tables.

Mr. Winters asked if there was a listing of average costs to build different facilities. It was suggested that a total dollar figure of the proposed facilities should be created using current dollars. Staff responded that they would prepare a list of facilities proposed from 2017 through 2026 in current dollars and stated that the agenda for the next meeting would be adjusted based on the Committee's direction recommendations.

### **Next Meeting**

Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in the Lovettsville Room

### **Meeting Adjourned**

There being no further business to come before the committee, Committee Chairman Burton adjourned the meeting.

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